

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12 are pending, 8-12 are allowed, claim 1 is rejected, and 2-7 are objected to.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In the Office Action dated 04/08/2005 the Examiner, on page 2, states, "Claim 1 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,304,106." In response, Applicant has attached a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states "Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin et al. U.S. Patent 6,507,225 B2 in view of Bosnyak et al. U.S. Patent 5,898,297." On page 7, the Examiner states, "Claims 2-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." In response, Applicant cancels claim 1, and amends claim 2 as suggested by the Examiner to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Claims 2-7 should now be allowable.

Claims 8-12 are allowed.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the application, with claims 2-12, be passed to issue.

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